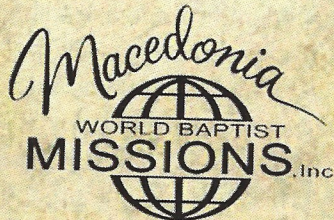


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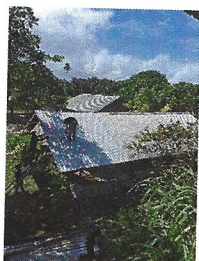
Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

With the new year come new challenges and new opportunities as well.

When the medical group, Operation Renewed Hope, was here in July, we had the privilege to preach to over 900 people in three days. Each patient that came through was touched with a personal message of the Gospel. One of those patients was a young man named Leben. He has a form of arthritis in his hip that has deformed the bone right at the joint. ORH (Operation Renewed Hope) paid to have him flown into the interior of Honduras, to a hospital run by Samaritan's Purse. First in October for a consultation, and then the 1st of January for what we had hoped was going to be a hip replacement surgery. The doctor decided that because of his young age, (25) and the fact that hip replacements at best only last around 10 years, that it was best to not do the surgery. He gave him a special shot of steroids right in the joint to help with the pain for a few months. At which point he would need another and continue that way. Unfortunately, that is not a legitimate possibility, and was very discouraging news for a 25-year-old. We are continuing to help him with anti-inflammatory pills, (Advil) that are helping relieve some of the pain, hoping that he will be able to walk some with crutches. (This has been challenging)

As this has been challenging, it also has opened new opportunities for us in the community of houses where Leben lives. One lady has started coming to services regularly, another family has asked us to hold regular services in their house for a family member that cannot get out. Another man, who I have been praying for for about three years now, asked if we would come to his house and hold services as well. In addition, attending to Leben with these pills, I am able to have a short devotion and prayer time with him and his family as well. A religious community once closed to us is now open. We praise the Lord for the new opportunities.

In mid-January, Hirza, one of the children that Robin taught in school last year, came to the house to tell her that she had gotten saved at her house the night before. Her dad, Andy, is one of our pastors. She came to him in the evening before bedtime telling him that she did not want to be left behind at the Rapture, like the lost people will be. He then had the thrill of showing her how she could be saved, and she prayed and asked the Lord to save her. PRAISE THE LORD! Sunday I was able to present her before the church, so she could give testimony of her salvation. It was a great thrill for me to hear her answer questions with confidence, about her now going to Heaven. We will be planning a special Sunday to have baptism, and her dad will have the privilege to baptize her as well.



After church Sunday I had two other children come to me telling me that they wanted to get saved as well. I told them that was great, any time they wanted to come by, we would talk with them. We are praying that this will be an encouragement to others to come to the Lord.



This last Sunday in January, Andy began a three-week class on the Doctrine and Life of Jesus Christ. He has translated the workbook and tests into Miskito and is teaching Sunday through Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm. This, as well, is opportunity for unsaved and saved alike to be able to come and learn about the Lord.

The work on the wall is progressing really well. With help from Robin and a couple weeks of help from some of the men, we have been able to lay over 4000 blocks so far. A couple weeks ago, a pastor was asking about the work and how much it would be to have these men help lay 3000 of the blocks. Afterward his church sent an offering that would cover the labor for around 5000 blocks. WOW, what a relief for me. We turned these guys loose, and they have laid almost 2000 blocks already. This has freed me up to do other work that I have been needing to get done.

One of the first thing I was able to work on was the addition to our church building. We have been filling up the building several times over this last six months. So we decided to add another 10 feet on to the back. With the tithes and offerings from the church, we were able to purchase most of the wood. Then we, of course, helped to finish that off and purchase the roofing. That part is up and ready. Now we are challenging the folks to give toward the purchase of gravel. Next will be cement for the floor, and then boards for making more pews. This is part of the church's growth. To be able to see them expand the physical part of the church through their personal tithes, giving, and work. GROWTH!!! That is a huge answer to prayer.

As many already know we were able to make a trip into the US during the Christmas Holidays. In October I had called to talk with my dad and just felt the Lord put on my heart to be with him and Mom this year. Dad is 89 years old, and Mom is 94. I felt the need to be with them for a few days during the holiday season. We flew in on the 21st and were able to sneak over to where three of our kids had gone for Christmas, surprising them and spending a couple days there. All together we were able to spend several days with the kids, Robin's parents, and four days with my parents, then a couple days with our church family before flying back. We are so thankful for the chance to be able to spend a few days with our family during this Christmas season. We would also like to say a special thank you to each church and individual that sent us a Christmas Love offering, we appreciate your kindness and generosity and pray the Lord will bless each of you in this new year.

The new generator is in and running. It has been such a great blessing with full current, and push button cranking. We have even taught some of the kids how to crank it. After Sunday service they help us carry sound system and Sunday school equipment up to the house. Afterwards, Robin has let one of them go in and crank the generator.

During this time as well, the Lord burdened the heart of our pastor to purchase us a solar system to work in sequence with the generator. 4 panels, 4 batteries, pole mounts for the panels, and a controller that will coordinate all of it together. It will switch between battery and generator and crank the generator automatically when needed. This has already been purchased and is in transit from different places. Lord willing, we anticipate it all to be here and ready to connect by the first of March.

Thank you for your prayers in these days. The Lord has poured out His blessings and supply on us in these two months. We are so grateful for those of you who have prayed and given to the special projects that have been going on. It is exciting to see the physical plant getting to a point where we should not have to be working, repairing, and worrying about it. Instead, we hope to spend our time focusing more on the teaching, preaching, and evangelism part of the ministry.

In His Service
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